In the Claims

1. – 34 (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Amended) A printer, comprising:

an image processor configured to apply a series of image processing settings to a first image to produce a series of second images that include images with a progressively higher image processing setting than the first image and images with a progressively lower image processing setting than the first image;

a print section configured to,

print the first image on a printing medium,

print each second image having a progressively higher image processing setting[[s]] in a first direction relative to the printed first image, and

print each second image having a progressively lower image processing setting[[s]] in a second direction relative to the printed first image; and

an input section configured to retrieve a user selection of one of the second images; wherein:

the image processor is further configured to apply a next series of image processing settings which are set for forming a set of images in a plus or minus direction for each of parameter values to the selected second image to produce a third set of images;

the print section is further configured to print the selected second image and the third set of images; and

said selected second image and each of said third set of images are printed with corresponding parameter values which are expressed as a change value from an initial parameter value of the first image.

- 36. (Previously Presented) The printer according to Claim 35, wherein the image processing settings comprise at least one of R, G, B, tint, brightness, and sharpness.
 - 37. (Previously Presented) The printer according to Claim 35, wherein: the image processing settings comprise a tint comprising R, G, and B settings;

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the second images are printed so as to surround the first image; and the third images are printed so as to surround the selected second image.

38. (Previously Presented) The printer according to Claim 35, wherein the image processor and print section are configured to repeatedly prepare and print images until a desired image is produced.

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